

CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014

The conference meeting of the City Council was held Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:20 PM immediately following the business meeting in the Council Chambers, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, New York, with Council President Hawley presiding.

Present were Council President Hawley and Councilpersons Canale, Christian, Pacino, Deleo, Briggs, Doeringer, Jankowski and Cipollone.

Call to Order

Council President Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Public Comments

None.

Council Response to Public Comments

None.

Presentation by Centennial Celebration Committee

Marty MacDonald noted that the City was turning 100 and Vibrant Batavia had the task of creating a celebration. Krysia Mager, Chair of the committee, explained that they had created a logo, a centennial series had been written with the help of Larry Barnes, City Historian, and many other events were planned throughout the year. Leann Dirisio explained that there would be a New Year's Eve event on Court St with a formal celebration in City Hall. They were looking to have banners at the entrances to the City, 100 Tree Project, a time capsule, historic walking trail, City birthday party at Picnic in the Park, and a legacy gift such as an art sculpture or multi-purpose remembrance. She noted they were getting centennial sponsorship pledges, their sponsorship goal was aggressive and Freed Maxick was providing financial oversight for the events. Ms. Dirisio anticipated that the event would create excitement amongst the community, hoped that Council would be present at all of the events, and thanked the City for their support. Paul Battaglia was the honorary chairman and noted that he was so proud of the community, was born in Batavia, raised his family there and started a successful business there. He also noted that \$64,000 had already been raised for the celebration.

Brownfield Opportunity Area Designation

Mr. Molino noted there was no action needed for the designation, the designation process had been created by the Department of State, but there needed to be a public notice to receive the public designation. The City wanted to get the BOA area designated for future development.

Nasal Narcan – UMMC Agreement

Fire Chief Jim Maxwell explained that there was a drug that first responders could use to reverse the effects of an opiate overdose. He noted that in 2010 there were two reports of opiate overdose and in 2013 there were 105. He noted that the drug lasted 30-90 minutes and allowed time for the patient to get further attention at a hospital. He noted that all firefighters had training on how to use it and wanted to enter into an agreement with UMMC to supply the drug for the City. He noted that grant funding would be available for police departments to get the drug and he had asked if fire departments were also eligible but hadn't heard back yet. Councilperson Christian asked how much it cost and Chief Maxwell noted that it was around \$300-\$500 initially and \$60 for replacements. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Police Grant – XCAT Handheld Detection Devices

Mr. Molino explained that Police Chief Shawn Heubusch received a member item for \$5,000 to use technology to develop anti-crime programs. He noted that they wanted to purchase XCAT handheld detection devices that police could put chemicals into and it would show a positive or negative as to what substance it was. Chief Heubusch noted that it wasn't as subjective as the pouches that were currently being used. Councilperson Jankowski asked if the district attorney was alright with using the device and wondered if it could be used as evidence. Chief Heubusch noted that the sheriff's department was already using it and the follow up lab results would be used as the evidence. He also noted that the company would provide in-service training on how to use the device. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

Cable Franchise Agreement

Mr. Molino explained that the cable franchise topic was specialized work and recommended having outside counsel handle the agreement. He noted that there was no current existing relationship with Comcast in New York and suggested engaging with Cohen Law Firm to create a new franchise agreement. He proposed moving \$12,600 out of contingency to cover the unanticipated expenditure. Councilperson Jankowski asked if it would be easier to use the current legal budget and make the transfer later if needed. Mr. Molino noted that because it was a separate agreement from any budgeted item that separate funds be utilized especially because it was not a nominal amount. Councilperson Canale asked if the City could look at other cable options. Mr. Molino noted that anyone who wanted to come in and provide cable had to have a franchise agreement but other cable companies would have to make a major capital investment for infrastructure, laying cable and fiber and would need to get subscribers away from Time Warner. Council agree to move the item to the next business agenda.

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Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Heidi J. Parker
Clerk-Treasurer**

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